

## REMARKS

### I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-35 and 44-48 were pending at the time of the Action. Claims 29-35 were withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1 and 28 were amended to further clarify the claims. No new matter has been added.

### II. REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 1-28 and 44-48 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112 as being indefinite. Specifically, the phrase “binding elements being peptides, peptoids (N-substituted oligoglycines) or other ~~peptoid-like~~peptide-like oligomers” was unclear. Applicants have amended the claim to include a comma between “peptides” and “peptoids” and have replaced the phrase “peptoid-like” with “peptide-like.” The phrase now reads “binding elements being peptides, peptoids (N-substituted oligoglycines) or other peptide-like oligomers.” The rejection is moot in light of the current claims.

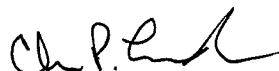
### III. REJOINDER

In light of the pending allowance of claim 28 and pursuant to MPEP §821.04 Applicant request rejoinder of withdrawn claims 29-35, which depend from and otherwise include all limitations of allowed claim 28.

#### IV. CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing, applicants respectfully submit that all claims are in condition for allowance, and an early notification to that effect is earnestly solicited. The examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (512) 536-3167 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

Respectfully submitted,



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